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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6122

BILL NUMBER: SB 68

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2012

BILL AMENDED: Jan 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Qualification for Presidential Primary Election

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Delph

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that as an alternative to submission of petitions with voter signatures, a candidate for nomination for President of the United States may pay a fee of \$10,000 with the request to be placed on the primary election ballot. The bill requires a candidate who files a request in this manner to file the request in person. The bill provides that for the 2012 primary election, the filing deadline for candidates for nomination for President of the United States is noon on March 30 and the date for the Election Division to certify candidates is April 6.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Election Division would have to transmit to each county election board a certified list that contains the persons' names that are qualified as a candidate for nomination of President of the United States (POTUS) along with the name of the party of which the candidate is seeking the nomination. The list would have to be sent by April 6, 2012. It is likely the Election Division would be able to carry out this provision within their existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: A candidate for nomination for POTUS could bypass the petition signature process by paying \$10,000 to the Election Division. The bill does not specify a fund for the distribution of the fee, therefore, it would be distributed into the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Election Division, Secretary of State.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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